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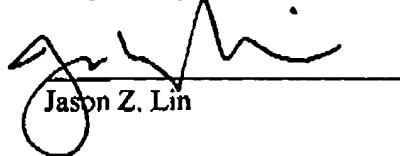
REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. Claims 2 and 3 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being dependent over a rejected base claim 1, and would be allowable if claim 1 is rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C §112.

In response, claims 1-3 are cancelled and new claim 4 is presented for claim 1 to include the essential structural cooperative relationships of the elements in the instant invention. More specifically, the essential elements and structure of the electronic ballast are described in the new claim 4 so that the structural cooperative relationships among the control circuit, the electronic ballast and the filaments of the fluorescent lamp are clearly defined in the claims of the invention. As a result, the claimed subject matter can be interpreted as depicted in FIG. 1. New dependent claims 5 and 6 are also presented to replace the cancelled claims 2 and 3 respectively.

The above amendment has been made without prejudice. The new claims 4-6 should have overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and are in full condition for allowance. The specification has also been amended to correct a few editorial and grammatical errors. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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